

Mid-Week @ Woodmont

Wednesdays 5:30pm



Wednesday Night Schedule

Join us Wednesday evenings for a night of fellowship, prayer, and worship! The activities begin with the fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m.

- 5:30-6:15 Fellowship Meal
- 6:15-6:30 Prayer in Fellowship Hall
- 6:15-6:45 Kids Choir (in Children's wing)
- 6:15-7:30 Youth (in Youth wing)
- 6:30-7:30 Adult Bible Study
- 6:45-7:30 Kids Activities (til 7:45 for choir kids)
- 6:45-7:45 Adult Choir Practice (in Music Suite)

FRONTRUNNERS' MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Linda Hunt
- Carolyn Steinhouse
- Bill Sherman
- Jack Freeman
- Susan Clayton
- Bunny Sharpton
- Linda Pilcher
- Bob Bennett
- Willodean Davis
- Mary Helen Short
- Anne Kaderabek
- Bob Siddens
- Randy Perkins
- Sandy Hicks
- Pat Pacyga
- Pete Jackson
- Stephen McLean
- Marjorie Ray

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Continuing Concerns:

- Tom Wainman
- Myrtice Owens
- Jane Bell
- Cora Southern
- Stan Higgins

Sympathy to:

- Manuel Mozo, whose father passed away in El Salvador
- Mike Whittle, whose brother passed away in Huntsville, AL
- Myrtice Owens, whose grandson passed away in Texas
- Randy Hoffman, whose wife, Glenda Cleaver, passed away
- Annabelle Crisler, whose son passed away

FEBRUARY GIVING

DURING THE WEEK OF:	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26
Weekly Receipts	\$25,297	\$28,855	\$11,617	\$38,774
Year to Date Budget	\$1,185,780	\$1,208,730	\$1,232,080	\$1,255,230
Year to Date Receipts	\$1,164,586	\$1,193,441	\$1,205,058	\$1,243,832



WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Morning Bible Studies, Preschool/
Children Activities
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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Facebook: facebook.com/wbcnashville

Weekly eNews: To receive our eNews, sign up on our website or email Lil Cook.

Text Alerts: Text "wbctextalerts" to 781-728-9542 to receive emergency info from us about church closings due to inclement weather.

Woodmont's Live TV Broadcast

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on MYTV30 (Comcast Channel 14)

Live streaming on Facebook and on our website! You can also view our past services online on our website.

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Nathan Parker
Senior Pastor

Parenting is not for the faint of heart. It is staggering to me how rebellious our kids can be (at times). People who deny the doctrine of original sin have surely never tried to parent a child ... And the thing is, we discipline our kids because we love them. We want what is best for them, for them to flourish and thrive. Children who believe they can do whatever they want and get away with it will not make responsible adults (or, more importantly, mature Christians).

Sometimes I will ask our children to do something, like go brush their teeth and get ready for bed. And they will whine and push back, to which I will say, "Look, you can do it the easy way or the hard way." Then they ask, "What's the difference?" To which I say, "The easy way is for

you go and obey immediately. The hard way is you go and obey and you get grounded for the rest of the week." One time I made the mistake of scooping up a child and carrying them upstairs over my shoulder as "the hard way," which they loved, of course. The next time I asked, "Easy way or hard way?," the kids yelled, "Hard way! Hard way!" Part of our job as loving parents is to ensure that "the hard way" is indeed hard in order for our kids to learn their lesson.

The high and holy triune God is a perfectly loving Father to His children. Scripture reveals both His tenderness, grace, patience as well as His justice, fairness, and righteousness. God reveals Himself to Moses in Exodus 34:6-7a as, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty" (ESV).

We would do well to remember that God does not desire for us to suffer any more than a loving parent desires for their children to suffer. My parents used to tell me, before doling out discipline, "This is going to hurt me more than it's going to hurt you." As my friend Michael Kelley says, "Punishment is easy; discipline is

Lessons Learned

Figuring Things Out the Hard Way

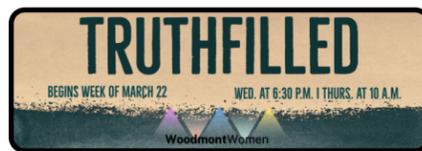
March Sermon Series

March 5	1 Sam. 2:1-36, "I Will Raise Up for Myself a Faithful Priest"
March 12	Guest Preacher
March 19	1 Sam. 4:1b-5:12, "The Glory has Departed from Israel"
March 26	1 Sam. 6:1-7:17, "Returning to the LORD with all Your Heart"

hard." Discipline requires loving discernment, and the true burden of that discipline is borne by the one in authority.

In our sermon texts for the month of March, God's nature as a loving Father is on full display. His sovereignty over His people is wielded for their good, which means, sometimes, disciplining them (and anyone else who profanes His holiness). We begin in chapter 3 during a time in which "the word of the Lord was rare ... there was no frequent vision." It was a dark time in the life of Israel. And yet we are told that in the temple, "the lamp of God had not yet gone out." Then we move to

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Women's Bible Study Begins Week of March 22

Join us as we start our spring Bible study. There will be a Wednesday night option and a Thursday morning option. Please sign up for the study at the table in the piano foyer. Workbooks are available for \$10. Payments can be made online or labelled and dropped in the offering box.



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until noon to help distribute food and throughout the week to pack bags. Talk to Elaine Bright if you're interested in volunteering, and visit woodmontbaptist.com/foodpantry to donate food or sign up for volunteer slots online. You may also purchase food items from the ministry's Amazon wishlist.

THINGS TO KNOW...

Budgeting Members Meeting

Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.
We will be talking about the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. This budget will be voted on by the congregation at the end of March.



Celebrate Recovery

Mondays, 7 p.m. in the youth area
This program is designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Get more information here: woodmontbaptist.com/celebraterecovery.



The Soup-er Sunday Lunch was a huge hit! As a church, we raised \$12,006 for the Food Pantry Ministry in just one afternoon. Thank you to all who enjoyed lunch with us and to all those who made delicious soup, cornbread, and desserts!

WOODMONT'S



Karen Luter

NEWEST MEMBER

MARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR ADULTS

- 3/6** POW-WOW Luncheon (Monday, 10:30 a.m.)
- Traveling to Eagleville for lunch at The Grindstone Cowboy. The bus will leave Woodmont at 10:30 a.m.
- 3/16** Dr. Sherman Devotional (Thursday, 10 a.m.)
- "Shapers of the Christian Faith." We will have Jet's Pizza in the fellowship hall afterward for \$5.
- 3/25** *Beauty and the Beast* Matinee Show (Saturday, 2 p.m.)
- Show at Belmont's Fisher Center. There are six tickets remaining for \$20 each.
- 3/29** Visit The Upper Room (Wednesday, Bus Leaves at 10 a.m.)



Time Change! Sunday, March 12

Don't forget! Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 12! We are springing forward one hour, so remember to move all your clocks forward.

We will see you here at church at 10:30 a.m. as we continue our March sermon series!

Continued from Pastor Nathan ...

chapter 4 where God's people suffer a double defeat after taking matters into their own hands instead of relying on the Sovereign God who holds all of us in His mighty hands. In chapters 5-6, we see how the Lord triumphs over the false gods of Israel's enemies. Finally, in chapter 7, the Israelites repent and realize their inability to save themselves. Then the Lord's grace is lavished on them, and they are saved.

My prayer for our church during this Lenten season is that we would learn to surrender to our good, good Father and stop trying to make things happen on our own. I pray that we would learn to cherish the Lord's loving discipline, knowing that it is always for our good and, ultimately, for God's glory. Deuteronomy 8:5 reminds us, "Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you." Will we choose to do things the easy way or the hard way?

Grace and peace,

NATHAN



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 11 at 8 a.m.

Men of all ages are invited to join us for this month's Men's Breakfast in the fellowship hall March 11. We will enjoy a time of fellowship and prayer and hear a devotional from our speaker. The cost is \$7 per person.



Moms Connect

Thursday, March 16

Join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, as we meet at Debbie Gregory's house and enjoy a time of prayer, fellowship, and devotion in a shared journey of motherhood. Talk to Laura Duncan or Debbie for more details!

DEVOTIONAL FROM Dr. Bill Sherman

Dr. Bill Sherman Devotional

Thursday, March 16 at 10 a.m.

Join us Thursday, March 16, as Dr. Sherman continues his series on "Shapers of the Christian Faith." We meet in the Koinonia classroom, B222, at 10 a.m. There will be pizza in the fellowship hall afterward for \$5.

Upcoming EVENTS

- 3/6** POW-WOW Luncheon (Mon., 10:30 a.m.)
- 3/8** Members Mtg (Wed., 6 p.m.)
- 3/9** Grief Share - On Zoom (Thurs., 6 p.m.)
- Also on March 16 and 23
- 3/11** Men's Breakfast (Saturday, 8 a.m.)
- 3/11** Room In The Inn (Saturday)
- 3/12** Time Change - Spring Forward (Sunday)
- 3/16** Dr. Sherman Devotional (Thurs., 10 a.m.)
- 3/16** Moms Connect (Thurs., 7 p.m.)
- 3/25** Room In The Inn (Saturday)
- 4/2** Palm Sunday Potluck (Saturday, 12 p.m.)
- 4/6** Maundy Thurs. Service (Thurs., 6:30 p.m.)



Daniel and Tetyana Yarbrough have been leading The Marriage Course this spring, a study geared toward married couples of any age. The class will wrap up this Wednesday, March 8. Thank you to all the couples who attended!

